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SUBJECT: ST. GEORGES SCHOOL

1. FATHER WARNER ON BEHALF OF FATHER LEWERS HAS REQUESTED THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE, RESPONDING TO INFORMATION RELAYED REFTEL, BE RELAYED TO FATHER DONOSO:

2. QUOTE. THE PROVINCIAL OF THE CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS, INDIANA PROVINCE, WITH THE CONSENT OF HIS COUNSEL, HAS NAMED THE REFERENCED J. BERNARD CLARK AS RECTOR OF ST. GEORGES COLLEGE. FATHER CLARK WAS BORN IN 1932 IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AND JOINED THE CONGREGATION IN 1950. HE WAS ORDAINED IN LE MANS, FRANCE IN 1958. HE HOLDS DEGREES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, THE UNIVERSITY OF ANGERS, AND THE ANGELIOUM, AND HAS COMPLETED SIX YEARS OF DOCTORAL STUDY IN MIEDIEVAL HISTORY AT THE UNIV. OF CALIFORNIA. HE HAS TAUGHT AT THE MEDIEVAL INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, SPENT TWO YEARS ON THE STAFF OF MOREAU SEMINARY AND HAS BEEN CHAPLIN AT THE PROVINCIAL HOUSE OF THE BROTHERS OF HOLY CROSS, EASTERN PROVINCE. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE NEWLY APPOINTED RECTOR, FATHER LEWERS WILL ASSIGN OUTHER RELIGIOUS OF HOLY CROSS TO THE STAFF AT ST. GEORGES IN THE SPIRIT OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FATHER HESBURGH AND GENERAL PINOCHET.
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3. WE AGREE WITH POINTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4 OF YOUR COMMENTARY. FATHER HESBURGH'S POSITION WAS CLEARLY STATED IN HIS LETTERS DATED JULY 22 TO GENERAL PINOCHET. AFTER YOUR DISCUSSION WITH THE DISTRICT SUPERIOR WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO DECIDE ON THE SUSPENSIVE CONDITION OF MINISTER CASTRO REGARDING A POSSIBLE LIST OF ALL HOLY CROSS PERSONNEL TO BE ASSIGNED TO THE SCHOOL. THE DISTRICT SUPERIOR WILL CONSULT WITH YOU ON THIS MATTER AND REPORT HIS FINDINGS NO LATER THAN SEPT 5, 1974. WE FEEL IT MOST NECESSARY TO STAFF THE SCHOOL IN 1975 WITH A STRONG ACADEMIC TEAM BOTH FROM WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT.

4. WE AGREE THAT YOU SHOULD CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. IMPORTANT POINTS WOULD INCLUDE THE DATE FOR RETURN OF HOLY CROSS, POSITION OF INTERVENTOR, REGISTRATION FOR 1975, FINANCES AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE TIME OF INTERVENTION, AND A REVIEW OF PERSONNEL CONTRACTED AFTER OCTOBER 9, 1973.

5. NEWS OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW RECTOR COULD BE COMMUNICATED TO MINISTER CASTRO AT YOUR NEXT MEETING AS A POINT OF INFORMATION IF YOU SEE THIS AS CONVENIENT. SINCERELY, WILLIAM LEWERS, PROVINCIAL. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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